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"ARISE, SHINE ; FOR THY LIGHT IS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE."

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A PRINCESS IN DISGUISE.

BY NELLIE A. CUTTER.

(Willink, N. Y.)

I HAVE something I must tell you,
'Tis too grand to keep alone ;
In disguise I am a princess,
And my Father's on a throne.
Oh, 'tis such a wondrous story,
You must listen while I tell,
For to you it has a message,
And 't will cheer your heart as well.

When I read, it seemed so strange,
As at first it will to you ;
It seemed far too grand, too glorious,
For to possibly be true.

'T was an old dust-covered Bible
'That I opened just by chance,
And I read, and read, and pondered,
Where I only meant to glance.

It told of a King so mighty,
No king can with him compare ;
And his kingdom is called Heaven,
'Tis a country marvelous fair.

And this King is kind and loving,
More so than a mother dear ;
He loves still earth's slothful people,
And he sends his angels near.

Yes, it says that every person
Is an object of his care ;
Poor, the maimed, the halt, the blinded,
And the sick ones everywhere.

If we listen and obey him,
He 'll adopt us as his child,
And begin a work within us,
Making us more meek and mild.

Some away their heads are turning,
His kind voice they will not hear ;
Some we see are so ungrateful,
As to scorn and scoff and sneer.

As for me, I'm glad I've hearkened
To his tender, pleading voice ;
In disguise I am a princess,
Won't you, too, make him your choice ?

I read of a prince called Satan,
Who is reigning now on earth,
How he seeks with mighty power
To us rob of Heaven's worth ;

And to lead us to forget Him,
That great King so full of love,
And to take on earth our treasures,
'Steal of having them above.

His way leads us to destruction,
His temptations we must shun,
We should hear the voice so loving,
Of our God and his dear Son.

Oh, there's more of this glad story
Of God's love for you and me ;
For he sent his Son to suffer—
Crucified on Calvary.

And that dear old Book says something
That just thrills my heart with song,
It says He's again coming,
And he says it won't be long.

Then he'll come with glory kingly,
Come with clouds from yonder sky,
Wearing crown so bright and golden,
Come to reign and not to die.

Then will be the glad reunion
When our pleasures will begin,
And they'll last for aye—forever,
For in Heaven there'll be no sin.

Won't you be with me a princess,
God's dear child, unknown to fame ?
So that when he comes to judgment,
We may take our Father's name.

THE BLESSING OF POVERTY.

BY EMMA L. PARDON.

"LET the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted." Thus writes "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ," to his brethren.

Oh, words of cheer and comfort ! Though he is poor, despised by society, with barely enough of this world's goods to provide for his temporal necessities, yet he may well rejoice, if one of God's children who are "rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom."

In a sermon preached in 1884, Spurgeon said : "There is nothing like living from hand to mouth, when it is from God's hand to faith's mouth. Daily bread promotes daily gratitude, and from God's hand hourly providence brings multiplied love-tokens, and is a surer sign of remembrance than if we could have life's mercies all in a lump."

Though the poor have many hardships, yet

they escape many temptations and snares which assail the wealthy. And, in these last days, when the masses of the ungodly poor, full of hatred toward the rich men whom they regard as their enemies, are combining for the overthrow of the capitalists, we read with interest the words of the same "servant of God," "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you."

The Lord grant that those who are waiting for his Son from heaven, may be so filled with his Spirit, and so connected with heaven, that when he shall come he may find them "poor in spirit" but "rich in good works."

Field Reports.

DICKINSON CENTER.

DURING the past week we have held four meetings at this place. The audience at the last one was as large as any which has greeted us yet. We are now discoursing on the early rise and progress of the work of the message in which we are engaged. The new meeting-house is now plastered and floored, and when the ceiling and wainscoting are on and the seats made, the house will be ready for dedication. The dedication services will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27. We hope to see a general attendance of the friends in this part of the State.

Many are interested in this place, and all who attend listen with rapt attention. We are glad the good work moves on in all parts.

S. H. LANE.

SYRACUSE.

SINCE my last report I have continued the work here. Have given five discourses, and held two social meetings, and one business meeting for the election of officers.

The theme before us has been the importance of individual responsibility in the closing work of the message. The Spirit of the Lord has been present in all our meetings. We have caught some glimpses of the Man of Calvary, and as a result some matters that in the past have caused trouble have been laid aside. A good spirit prevailed through our business meeting. This has rejoiced my heart exceedingly, for I have felt a deep anxiety for the success of the work here. I have labored for this church more than for any other one church in the State, beginning my work in the mission ten years ago when our meetings were held in the Crouse Building on Warren Street. I have been permitted to see some noble souls take a stand for

the truth in this city. I have felt more and more, as I have been connected with the work here, that this is an important point for our work in the State. The brethren and sisters are putting forth efforts to raise what they call an "Accumulative Fund," to be used in building a new church. This seems wise, as their present quarters do not properly represent the work that ought to be done in this city. If the work could be systematically carried forward here for a few months, with a loving co-operation of the church, which it seems might reasonably be expected, we believe the power of God would be seen bringing in others to help spread the message and bear the present financial burdens. The church has been doing as well, perhaps, as could be expected under the circumstances, but we expect greater things in the future. Last week we paid \$16.75 of interest, and have \$25.00 more to raise at once. This we expect, with the Lord's help, to do this week.

Last Sabbath the rooms could hardly hold the company present. Yesterday (Sunday) p. m. we had again quite a full house. The collection contained one silver dollar, besides several smaller pieces. In the evening the following officers were quite unanimously elected: Elder, P. Z. Kinne; Deacon, N. J. Walsworth; Treasurer, C. V. Gilbert; Clerk, N. L. Burdick; Librarian, F. E. Hitchcock. The meeting closed with a general feeling of good will.

We have decided to continue our meetings each evening till Wednesday night, and perhaps over one more Sabbath and Sunday.

We believe you have been praying for us here, and we trust the good work may go on.

A. E. PLACE.

MEETINGS IN ORANGE CO., AND AT MAPLEWOOD, SULLIVAN CO.

SINCE my last report through these columns I have visited Newburgh, Slate Hill, and Middletown, and trust my visits were not in vain. During the last five days of the week of prayer we had meetings here except one evening, which was very stormy. All are of good courage

January 3, I began a series of meetings three miles west in a place called Maplewood, and notwithstanding the severe weather since, the attendance and interest increase. The services are conducted in a pleasant and roomy school-house, of which we have free use. Although the weather at this altitude is very cold and windy, we were anxious to do a little more for the people in this locality before leaving, and we hope and pray for God's blessing upon the efforts put forth. Some are interested already, but with our most earnest and untiring efforts, God alone can give an increase.

H. G. THURSTON.

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending January 11.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Steuben,	Perry Tufts,	60	10	20	\$49.00	\$4.50		
Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,	40			15.25	2.00	1	\$2.50
Wyoming,	O. G. Parmele,	4	1	1	2.00	5.50		
Great Controversy.								
Chemung,	C. W. Inskip,			3	9.00	6.50		
Otsego,	Fred G. Mc Alister,	7	1	2	4.50	.85		
Eric,	O. F. Thompson,					7.00		
Chenango,	Mrs. F. W. Bartle,			1	3.00	1.75		
Miscellaneous sales,					28.10			
Totals,	7 Canvassers,	111	12	27	\$110.85	\$28.10	1	\$2.50

Since the foregoing was in type we have received a further report of the work at Maplewood :—

Have now held ten meetings, and our interest is excellent. The average attendance is about sixty, some ladies walking four miles through the snow and cold. The weather is severe, but people come just the same, and the subjects already presented are stirring the whole country. At one collection, taken up by the trustee, we received \$3.81. Have also sold about \$3.00 worth of books and tracts. The truth has already gained many friends in this place. The Lord is at work, and we expect fruit.

One minister spoke against our view of the millennium before his congregation yesterday, but this will but help the truth, for God is in his work, and it will prevail.

Those who accepted the faith at our last series of meetings are faithful in attending the meetings in Monticello. They also belong to our Sabbath-school, which now numbers about twenty.

Brethren, pray for us and the continually growing work in this part.

Jan. 14.

H. G. THURSTON.

DEAR INDICATOR : Now that the holidays are past. I want to be in the field again soon, doing work for the Master. I hope I shall not miss the names of any of the canvassers which have become so familiar to me during the past year; but that we may enter upon the new year with renewed life and courage. Looking back over the past year's work, and seeing the many blessings of God bestowed upon our unworthy selves, may we use our privilege of praising God, giving unto him his tithe and all he requires of us, trusting in his promises to open the windows of heaven and pour out upon us blessings which there will not be room enough

to receive. With such an overflow of God's Spirit in us, we can do greater work than in the past; for God can then use us of a truth to hasten the close of his work in righteousness.

C. W. INSKIP.

WE call attention to the *American Sentinel* of Jan. 17 as being an unusually excellent number for missionary work. It contains the article, "An American Citizen Defends his Faith and Rights," which is "illustrated with a new and original cut representing the interior of the court room with brother Gibson standing, as he did, with open Bible in hand before the judge defending his rights." We hope there will be thousands of copies circulated in the State. Price, \$1.00 per hundred. Address New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y.

—Conference cash received January 7-15: Lincklaen Center, \$2.40; Newburgh, \$2.75; Jeddo, \$30.83; Pierrepont, \$12.90; Wellsville, \$67.48; Olcan, \$28.71; North Creek, \$22.88; Buffalo, \$46.81; Syracuse, \$4.60; Steamburg, \$14; Black Creek, \$48.50; Rome, \$7; Individuals, \$33.86.

WILL the church clerks and librarians of local tract societies kindly report to this Office any changes which may have been made in the officers for the ensuing year? Please attend to this at once, so that we can correct our lists.

MANY mean things are done in the family for which moods are put forward as an excuse, when the moods themselves are the most inexcusable things of all. A man or woman has no moral right to indulge in an unpleasant mood. —Selected.

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THE CANVASSING WORK.

ANOTHER year has passed, and a new year is before us. Probably some are inquiring or wondering, "What about the future of the canvassing work?"

I want to say that the prospects for this coming year are fair, and we are calculating to sell a good many books. We do n't intend to boom the work, because we dislike the reaction that always follows a boom; but we intend to work, and use the wisdom the Lord gives us.

Probably in the spring there will be a workers' institute. This will take in the canvassers, and especially the new ones, or those who desire to canvass. I write this early, so that some who have never canvassed may begin to think and plan to attend. Also the old canvassers will be very welcome, and I hope they will plan to attend. I have watched this work for four years now, and I am sure these institutes pay. The canvassers all start out with renewed faith and courage, and with some knowledge of how to work. During the year, if the canvasser works hard, he do n't have time to study as he would like to, so here is a chance to study the Bible. The Bible says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, . . . and so much the more as ye see the *day* approaching." Some who have not canvassed before are already planning to attend. J. R. CALKINS.

A YOUNG MAN'S "WILD OATS."

So far as a young man sowing his wild oats is concerned, it has always seemed a pity to me that the man who framed that sentence did n't die before he constructed it. From the way some people talk one would imagine that every man had instilled into him at his birth a certain amount of devilry which he must get rid of before he can become a man of honor. Now, what is called "sowing wild oats" is nothing more or less than self-degradation to any young man. It does n't make a man one particle more of a man because he has passed through a siege of riotous living and indiscretion when he was nineteen or twenty; it makes him just so much less of a man. It dwarfs his views of life far more than it broadens them. And he realizes this afterward. He does n't know one iota more of "life," except a certain phase of it, which, if it has glitter for him in youth, becomes a repellent remembrance to him when he is matured. There is no such thing as an investigating period in a man's life; at one period it is as important to him to be honorable and true to the teachings of his mother as at another.

No young man need seek the darker side of life. The Lord knows that it forces itself upon our attention soon enough. It does not wait to be sought. A young man need not be afraid that he will fail to see it. He will see plenty of it, and without any seeking on his part either. Even if he does fail he is the gainer. There are a great many things which we can accept by inference as existing in this world. It is not a liberal education to see them. Too many young men have a burning itch to see wickedness—not to indulge in it as they are quick to explain, but simply to see it. But the thousands of men who have never seen it have never felt themselves the losers. If anything, they are glad of it. It does not raise a man's ideal to come into contact with certain types of manhood and womanhood, which are only removed from the lowest types of the animal kingdom by virtue of the fact that the Creator chose to have them get through the world on two legs instead of four. The loftiest ideal of womanhood that a young man can form in his impressionable days will prove none too high for him in his years of maturity. To be true to the best that is within a man means, above all, to be an earnest believer in the best qualities of womanhood.—*Selected.*

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